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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during January was estimated at 1,497,500, a drop of 19,500 workers from last month but 21,300 higher than January 1988. The decrease in Louisiana's nonmanufacturing employment for the current month was led by a seasonal decline in trade employment. Nondurable goods was mainly responsible for the decline in manufacturing payrolls.

Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 200 from the December 1988 figure. Transportation equipment employment was down this month due to payroll cuts in the ship and boat building and repairing segment of manufacturing. Employee additions in certain miscellaneous manufacturing industries accounted for the upturn in other durable goods employment for January.

Employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing for January was estimated at 94,400, a decrease of 2,300 below last month's level but 1,500 higher than January of last year. Seasonal declines in the processing of sugarcane and in seafood canning were primarily responsible in the drop of food and kindred products payrolls. More demand in the production of paperboard and certain converted paper products accounted for the increase in paper and allied products employment.

Nonmanufacturing employment was estimated at 1,327,700 for January, a decrease of 17,000 from the December level. Mining employment fell by 100. Construction payrolls were down due to less activity in heavy construction and certain segments of special trade contractors. Seasonal cutbacks in retail trade were most significant in the downward turn in trade employment. Employment drops at banks were mainly responsible for the lower employment for finance, insurance and real estate. Business services were among the segments contributing to the downturn in services employment. Government employment in January was down due in large part to a decrease in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,700 production workers in manufacturing increased from $461.07 in December 1988 to $462.04 in January, an increase of $0.97, and an increase of $3.27 above January of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.18 higher in January than last month, and $0.26 higher than January 1988. Weekly hours averaged 41.7 during January, a decrease of 0.6 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 223,300. The unemployment rate for January was 11.8 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for January was 6.0 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,887,100 workers. Estimated total employment fell to 1,663,800 for the current month.

Louisiana's unemployment rate may go up slightly over the next 30 days. Government payrolls should show a seasonal increase while trade employment will continue to fall slightly.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change from December 1988	Net Change from January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,497.5	1,517.0	1,476.2	-19.5	+21.3
MINING	56.6	56.7	55.9	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.0	54.1	53.3	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	82.8	84.8	75.9	- 2.0	+ 6.9
MANUFACTURING	169.8	172.3	165.6	- 2.5	+ 4.2
Durable Goods	75.4	75.6	72.7	- 0.2	+ 2.7
Lumber and Wood Products	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.2	0	+ 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+ 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	12.6	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.0	9.1	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.5	7.2	0	- 0.7
Transportation Equipment	23.1	23.5	22.2	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.3	2.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	94.4	96.7	92.9	- 2.3	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	19.3	22.2	18.9	- 2.9	+ 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.1	9.9	9.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	12.5	12.2	11.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.9	9.8	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.2	27.1	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.0	11.1	11.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Petroleum Refining	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.3	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.9	108.8	104.3	- 0.9	+ 3.6
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.7	63.5	59.1	- 0.8	+ 3.6
Water Transportation	25.8	26.0	23.8	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.1	40.2	40.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.2	18.1	17.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	22.1	22.2	- 0.2	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	359.7	368.1	355.2	- 8.4	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	81.6	82.2	80.8	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.5	45.8	45.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.1	36.4	35.2	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Retail Trade	278.1	285.9	274.4	- 7.8	+ 3.7
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.8	64.0	58.3	- 5.2	+ 0.5
Food Stores	55.7	56.1	54.7	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.8	30.1	29.0	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	84.0	84.5	81.7	- 0.5	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade	49.8	51.2	50.7	- 1.4	- 0.9

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change from December 1988	Net Change from January 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	81.5	81.8	83.0	- 0.3	- 1.5
Banking	22.6	23.2	24.0	- 0.6	- 1.4
SERVICES	326.9	328.1	322.6	- 1.2	+ 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.0	21.2	20.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Personal Services	14.9	14.7	14.9	+ 0.2	0
Business Services	62.0	63.1	58.9	- 1.1	+ 3.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.4	9.6	9.4	- 0.2	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.0	5.1	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.4	8.2	7.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Health Services	105.0	104.6	102.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Legal Services	15.9	15.9	15.3	0	+ 0.6
Educational Services	20.1	20.4	22.3	- 0.3	- 2.2
Social Services	18.4	18.5	18.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Membership Organizations	25.5	25.3	25.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	15.8	15.7	15.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	312.3	316.4	313.7	- 4.1	- 1.4
Federal	36.2	36.4	36.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
State and Local	276.1	280.0	277.3	- 3.9	- 1.2
State	89.8	94.0	94.5	- 4.2	- 4.7
Local	186.3	186.0	182.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.5

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$462.04	$461.07	$458.77	41.7	42.3	42.4	$11.08	$10.90	$10.82
Durable Goods	414.50	416.23	411.83	41.7	42.3	42.5	9.94	9.84	9.69
Lumber & Wood Products	357.86	365.45	361.93	42.2	43.3	44.3	8.48	8.44	8.17
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	364.05	356.07	366.95	39.7	39.0	41.0	9.17	9.13	8.95
Fabricated Metal Products	414.81	439.22	422.92	43.3	45.8	43.6	9.58	9.59	9.70
Machinery, ex. Electrical	396.79	390.62	405.59	41.9	41.6	43.8	9.47	9.39	9.26
Electric & Electronic Equip.	535.43	538.86	505.83	42.8	42.0	44.1	12.51	12.83	11.47
Transportation Equipment	452.35	436.45	430.24	40.9	40.6	39.8	11.06	10.75	10.81
Nondurable Goods	502.11	500.32	499.90	41.6	42.4	42.4	12.07	11.80	11.79
Food & Kindred Products	286.81	304.21	293.76	37.2	40.4	38.4	7.71	7.53	7.65
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	213.59	209.07	208.51	36.7	35.8	38.4	5.82	5.84	5.43
Paper & Allied Products	569.40	568.10	564.56	43.8	43.7	42.9	13.00	13.00	13.16
Printing & Publishing	408.28	403.90	388.75	38.3	39.1	38.3	10.66	10.33	10.15
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	723.45	722.76	713.00	45.5	45.6	46.0	15.90	15.85	15.50
Petroleum & Coal Products	674.61	701.16	712.41	43.3	45.5	46.9	15.58	15.41	15.19
Petroleum Refining	685.01	709.85	726.15	43.3	45.3	47.0	15.82	15.67	15.45
MINING	552.28	540.63	561.93	46.1	45.7	47.5	11.98	11.83	11.83
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	522.05	498.62	502.94	40.5	39.2	40.3	12.89	12.72	12.48
BANKING	276.26	282.72	266.44	38.0	37.2	37.9	7.27	7.60	7.03

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,700 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1989				REVISED DECEMBER 1988				REVISED JANUARY 1988			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,887.1	1,663.8	223.3	11.8	1,880.3	1,689.5	190.8	10.1	1,892.0	1,660.7	231.3	12.2
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.4	52.6	6.8	11.4	58.7	53.0	5.7	9.7	59.1	52.7	6.4	10.8
Baton Rouge 2/	265.0	237.7	27.3	10.3	266.5	242.9	23.6	8.8	263.8	237.2	26.6	10.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.6	60.6	8.0	11.7	69.2	62.4	6.8	9.8	70.0	60.2	9.8	13.9
Lafayette 4/	96.9	86.7	10.2	10.6	97.7	89.2	8.5	8.7	97.6	86.3	11.3	11.6
Lake Charles 5/	74.0	65.2	8.8	11.9	72.6	65.0	7.6	10.5	74.7	64.6	10.1	13.5
Monroe 6/	66.8	59.4	7.4	11.1	67.7	61.2	6.5	9.6	68.2	60.2	8.0	11.7
New Orleans 7/	584.4	527.5	56.9	9.7	585.1	533.3	51.8	8.9	585.9	527.4	58.5	10.0
Shreveport 8/	158.7	140.6	18.1	11.4	157.4	141.4	16.0	10.2	161.8	142.2	19.6	12.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY 01 89				REVISED 12 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,950	19,025	2,925	13.4	21,575	19,125	2,450	11.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,400	8,025	1,375	14.6	9,300	8,100	1,200	13.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,575	5,000	1,575	24.0	6,075	5,025	1,050	17.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,125	12,700	3,425	21.2	15,150	12,675	2,475	16.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,000	11,450	1,550	11.9	12,925	11,525	1,400	10.8
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,750	5,875	875	12.9	6,650	5,850	800	11.9
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,025	3,350	675	16.8	3,925	3,400	525	13.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,625	4,025	600	13.0	4,575	4,075	500	10.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,175	3,075	1,100	26.4	3,825	3,075	750	19.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,925	7,100	825	10.5	7,750	7,050	700	9.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,275	8,275	2,000	19.5	10,200	8,725	1,475	14.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,525	10,800	1,725	13.7	12,525	11,000	1,525	12.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,200	2,925	1,275	30.4	3,900	3,000	900	23.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,400	6,325	1,075	14.5	7,525	6,650	875	11.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,075	11,125	1,950	14.9	12,850	11,325	1,525	11.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,150	6,525	1,625	20.0	8,025	6,725	1,300	16.1
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,900	5,850	1,050	15.1	6,675	5,850	825	12.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,100	21,825	3,275	13.0	25,300	22,725	2,575	10.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,275	9,250	2,025	18.0	11,050	9,425	1,625	14.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,550	5,850	700	10.7	6,575	6,000	575	8.7
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,225	9,400	1,825	16.3	10,850	9,325	1,525	14.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,575	5,650	925	14.0	6,350	5,700	650	10.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,925	15,800	1,125	6.6	17,525	16,500	1,025	5.8
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,675	4,475	1,200	21.1	5,425	4,500	925	16.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,675	10,325	2,350	18.5	12,225	10,500	1,725	14.1
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,100	14,025	2,075	12.9	16,000	14,200	1,800	11.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,475	7,400	1,075	12.7	8,500	7,575	925	10.8
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,550	5,800	1,750	23.3	7,175	5,875	1,300	18.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,275	3,625	650	15.1	4,050	3,600	450	11.4
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,775	7,200	1,575	17.8	8,525	7,300	1,225	14.5
MANY (SABINE)	9,675	8,550	1,125	11.7	9,550	8,650	900	9.4
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,925	2,500	425	14.3	2,825	2,500	325	11.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,025	6,600	1,425	17.8	7,675	6,500	1,175	15.3
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,950	25,175	5,775	18.6	31,350	26,575	4,775	15.3
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,500	20,675	3,825	15.6	24,500	21,400	3,100	12.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,775	31,850	5,925	15.7	37,125	32,050	5,075	13.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,125	2,500	625	20.1	2,925	2,475	450	15.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,225	7,125	1,100	13.5	8,450	7,475	975	11.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,675	15,575	3,100	16.6	18,825	16,350	2,475	13.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,300	16,225	2,075	11.3	17,875	16,175	1,700	9.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,250	15,650	2,600	14.3	17,750	15,525	2,225	12.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,675	16,825	2,850	14.5	19,250	16,900	2,350	12.2
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,875	3,450	1,425	29.2	4,575	3,400	1,175	25.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,550	675	15.8	4,125	3,600	525	12.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,850	5,175	675	11.6	5,600	5,125	475	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	44.9	45.3	45.1	- 0.4	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.8	11.0	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	9.1	9.1	- 0.2	- 0.2
General Merchandise	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.0	0	+ 0.5
Health Services	5.2	5.1	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.8	12.8	0	0
Federal	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.8	9.9	10.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.4	4.5	4.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Local	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria LMA was estimated at 44,900 for the month of January. This estimate was 400 less than last month and 200 less than January of last year.

Employment in manufacturing remained unchanged from the previous month but declined by 200 from January 1988. The decline was a result of both durable and nondurable goods each decreasing by 100.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing for January was down by 400 from last month but remained unchanged compared to the same period a year ago. The decline was a result of decreases in finance, insurance, and real estate, wholesale and retail trade, and construction.

During the next thirty days, seasonal declines are expected to continue in retail trade and outdoor-related employment.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	218.4	223.7	215.3	- 5.3	+ 3.1
MANUFACTURING	19.2	19.5	19.0	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.4	14.8	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.8	1.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.4	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.5	21.1	- 0.1	+ 2.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.4	10.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.5	55.1	50.9	- 1.6	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade	11.9	12.0	11.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.6	43.1	39.5	- 1.5	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.9	13.6	- 0.3	0
Banking	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	45.9	45.8	44.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	51.3	54.5	54.8	- 3.2	- 3.5
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	49.0	52.2	52.5	- 3.2	- 3.5
State	26.4	29.7	30.1	- 3.3	- 3.7
Local	22.6	22.5	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$550.12	$542.87	$552.51	43.4	44.1	43.3	$12.86	$12.31	$12.76
Petro-Chemicals	711.42	693.50	734.59	45.4	44.2	46.7	15.67	15.69	15.73

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 218,400 during January, was down 5,300 from the revised December estimate and up 3,100 over January of last year.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,200, was down 300 during the current period and was up 200 over last January. Durable goods payrolls showed no change during the current period. Nondurable goods employment was down due to seasonal declines in sugar and confectionery products.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 5,000 during January and up 2,900 over January a year ago. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, in electrical work, and in masonry, stonework, tile setting and plastering. Transportation and public utilities was up due to more business in telephone communications. Wholesale trade-durable goods was down due to less business in machinery, equipment, and supplies. Retail trade was down due to less business in department stores and grocery stores, and seasonal declines in men's and boy's clothing and furnishings stores, and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks, in accident and health insurance and medical services plans, and in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors. Services employment increased due to more business in nursing and personal care facilities and in outpatient care facilities. Government employment dropped during the current period due to the semester break in state colleges, universities, and professional schools. Local government showed a small staff increase.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,800 production workers in all manufacturing was $558.12, up $15.25 from the December revised average. Average weekly hours, at 43.4, were down 0.7 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.86, were up $0.55 per hour. More overtime by higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents, estimated at 237,700, was down 5,200 from last month's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 27,300, was up 3,700 during the current period. The local unemployment rate is 10.3 percent for January. The civilian labor force was estimated at 265,000, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,395 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 415 applicants in jobs during January.

The consumer price index for December 1988 for all urban consumers was 120.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 119.2 using base period 1982-84 = 100.

Unemployment is expected to show little change during the coming month while employment should show some improvement.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.2	54.7	52.4	- 1.5	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.7	4.1	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.8	1.4	- 0.3	+ 0.1
MINING	5.7	5.9	5.7	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	6.0	0	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.8	13.5	- 0.4	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.0	2.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.5	10.8	10.7	- 0.3	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.3	9.4	8.8	- 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.7	10.3	- 0.4	0
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.8	10.2	9.9	- 0.4	- 0.1
State	2.8	3.1	2.7	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.1	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in January decreased to 53,200, a level 1,500 below December. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature. Since January 1988, total employment exhibited a gain of 800.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,400, down 300 from the previous month. The durable goods segment was at the same level as the previous month. The nondurable goods segment lost 300 due to the end of the sugarcane processing season.

Mining made seasonal cutbacks as weather became less suitable for outside activity. Construction remained on the same level. Transportation and public utilities held steady. Wholesale trade eased down in nondurable goods. Retail trade made normal downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. Finance, insurance and real estate showed scattered small downturns. Services tapered off, mainly in business services. Government was lowered by a temporary seasonal downturn in employment by state educational services.

Estimated unemployment stood at 8,000 in January. Unemployment presently comprises 11.7 percent of the labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. The unemployment rate was 11.8 percent for the state. The comparable national unemployment rate was 6.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,364.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit a normal seasonal increase. Mining and construction will probably add workers as weather conditions become better. Transportation will likely display a small gain. Retail trade will pull back up from the mid-winter low. Business services are expected to move up seasonally. In government, educational services will increase employment as the spring semester moves further along. Unemployment is expected to decrease as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.1	86.3	82.6	- 2.2	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.9	1.6	- 0.2	+ 0.1
MINING	11.3	11.3	11.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.3	5.6	- 0.3	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.2	23.9	22.5	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.9	18.6	17.4	- 0.7	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	3.0	3.2	3.0	- 0.2	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 0.1	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.5	10.9	10.1	- 0.4	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.9	18.1	17.6	- 0.2	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.9	12.8	11.9	- 0.9	0
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.1	12.0	11.0	- 0.9	+ 0.1
State	4.1	5.0	4.0	- 0.9	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 84,100, a decrease of 2,200 from the December 1988 revised level. The loss of 2,200 jobs was primarily due to the end of the holiday season and the semester break at various educational institutions.

Construction decreased by 100 workers from the previous month and compared to a year ago has increased by 200 workers. Transportation and public utilities declined by 300 jobs in January due to a slowdown in offshore water transportation and bus service employment. Services was down by 200 workers from December's revised estimate due to seasonal decreases and the fluctuating price of oil. Wholesale and retail trade was down by 700 jobs, reflecting the end of the Christmas season. Government dropped by 900 people due to the semester break. All other segments of the economy showed no change from the previous month.

Over the next 30 days, the unemployment rate should show little change while employment continues to grow gradually.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.2	59.1	57.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	11.0	11.0	11.2	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Class Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.5	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.2	3.9	3.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.0	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	14.2	13.2	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.3	11.7	10.8	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.7	2.2	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.8	3.5	- 0.3	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	12.2	12.1	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.3	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.7	10.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State	3.0	2.9	3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Local	6.8	6.8	6.7	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for January in the Lake Charles LMA stood at 59,200, an increase of 100 from the December 1988 revised level.

Construction increased by 300 workers from the previous month. Transportation and public utilities was up by 100 over the December 1988 estimate. Services and government each showed an increase of 100 from the prior month. Retail and wholesale trade dropped by 500, reflecting the end of the holiday season.

The unemployment rate and employment figures should remain stable for the next thirty days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.7	55.1	54.0	- 1.4	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.5	7.5	7.4	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.1	2.2	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.0	2.8	2.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	14.4	14.1	- 0.7	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.7	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.1	10.7	10.3	- 0.6	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.8	2.6	- 0.4	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.5	0	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	1.0	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	12.0	11.9	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.3	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.7	11.5	10.8	- 0.8	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.9	10.2	- 0.8	- 0.1
State	3.9	4.7	4.0	- 0.8	- 0.1
Local	6.2	6.2	6.2	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment during mid-January was 53,700, a decline of 1,400 workers over the month and 300 below the January 1988 estimate.

Manufacturing was unchanged over the month but had a minimal gain of 100 over last year's estimate.

Mining and construction each had minimal losses of 100, reflecting adverse weather conditions. Transportation and public utilities gained 200 workers. Wholesale and retail trade was down by 700 workers, reflecting the close of the holiday season. Finance, insurance and real estate was unchanged. Services gained 100 workers. Government experienced a seasonal drop as educational facilities were between semesters.

Employment is expected to move upward over the next sixty days. Unemployment will remain high but should decline slightly as weather conditions improve.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	514.7	521.3	508.9	- 6.6	+ 5.8
MANUFACTURING	43.0	43.6	42.9	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	22.3	22.6	21.6	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	13.7	14.0	12.9	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.1	10.4	9.2	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.7	21.0	21.3	- 0.3	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	5.9	6.2	6.2	- 0.3	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.3	15.3	15.2	0	+ 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.4	14.4	14.3	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.9	22.6	21.5	- 0.7	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.3	45.0	42.7	- 0.7	+ 1.6
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.1	13.5	12.2	- 0.4	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.7	137.4	132.0	- 3.7	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	32.0	32.2	31.4	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.4	18.6	18.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	13.3	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	101.7	105.2	100.6	- 3.5	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	13.9	14.9	14.2	- 1.0	- 0.3
Food Stores	20.2	20.4	19.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	33.8	34.5	32.6	- 0.7	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.9	34.0	33.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	7.2	7.3	7.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	136.5	138.3	133.9	- 1.8	+ 2.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.0	13.1	13.0	- 0.1	0
Health Services	37.1	37.2	35.6	- 0.1	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	86.1	85.1	86.9	+ 1.0	- 0.8
Federal	16.0	16.2	15.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State and Local	70.1	68.9	71.1	+ 1.2	- 1.0
State	18.2	18.3	19.2	- 0.1	- 1.0
Local	51.9	50.6	51.9	+ 1.3	0

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$424.14	$422.90	$435.18	39.9	40.2	40.9	$10.63	$10.52	$10.64
Durable Goods	373.12	363.23	379.76	39.4	38.6	39.6	9.47	9.41	9.59
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	295.04	245.92	276.60	32.0	29.0	32.2	9.22	8.48	8.59
Fabricated Metal Products	383.36	371.49	421.03	39.4	37.6	42.4	9.73	9.88	9.93
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	359.79	354.88	350.45	39.8	39.3	38.3	9.04	9.03	9.15
Nondurable Goods	478.74	488.55	489.94	40.4	41.9	42.2	11.85	11.66	11.61
Food & Kindred Products	310.46	328.18	316.39	35.4	38.7	37.8	8.77	8.48	8.37
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	203.20	190.04	185.85	37.7	36.9	35.0	5.39	5.15	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	374.41	374.14	460.51	44.1	44.7	46.8	8.49	8.37	9.84
Printing & Publishing	403.97	388.14	368.23	40.6	40.6	40.2	9.95	9.56	9.16
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	726.09	740.09	754.42	44.6	45.1	46.8	16.28	16.41	16.12

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in January decreased to 514,700, a level 6,600 below December. Seasonal losses in most industry divisions were primarily responsible. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 5,800 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except government.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,000, down 600 from the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing experienced a loss of employment due to the completion of contracts and orders. Food and kindred products experienced a loss because of seasonal factors.

Mining held steady from the previous month. Construction showed normal seasonal downward movement. Transportation and public utilities lost workers mostly in water transportation and motor freight transportation and warehousing. Wholesale and retail trade exhibited a seasonal decline with a substantial portion of the losses in retail trade. Finance, insurance and real estate inched down. Losses in the services industry were seasonal and mostly in the business services, educational services, and amusement services segments. Minor decreases in federal and state governments were offset by larger increases in local government.

Estimated unemployment for January is 56,900. The unemployment rate is 9.7 percent. The state rate is 11.8 percent and the comparable national rate is 6.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,144.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $424.14 per week in January, up $1.24 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 39.9, down 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.63, up $0.11 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $11.04 in manufacturing.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a slight overall increase. Services will probably show seasonal gains primarily in private educational services. Transportation and public utilities may also exhibit normal seasonal increases. Unemployment is expected to show a small decrease as employment moves up.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.7	129.2	128.4	- 0.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.5	17.8	- 0.2	- 0.5
Durable Goods	12.4	12.4	12.8	0	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.1	7.0	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.8	1.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.2	5.9	0	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Good	4.9	5.1	5.0	- 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.0	3.2	3.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	6.3	6.4	5.6	- 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.1	8.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.8	32.0	31.5	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.3	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.4	24.7	24.0	- 0.3	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.4	6.4	6.9	0	- 0.5
SERVICES	30.5	30.3	29.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	25.1	25.3	25.5	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	20.2	20.5	20.6	- 0.3	- 0.4
State	6.3	6.4	6.3	- 0.1	0
Local	13.9	14.1	14.3	- 0.2	- 0.4

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$469.27	$476.60	$441.86	41.2	41.3	39.7	$11.39	$11.54	$11.1
Lumber and Wood Products	288.49	317.26	209.82	33.9	36.3	33.2	8.51	8.74	6.3
Metals and Machinery	444.24	472.84	460.36	45.1	43.3	43.4	9.85	10.92	10.1
Food and Kindred Products	321.02	338.02	325.13	41.8	42.2	41.0	7.68	8.01	7.9
Printing and Publishing	207.75	256.93	342.18	26.6	29.6	35.9	7.81	8.68	9.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	600.26	568.96	546.62	45.2	44.8	46.6	13.28	12.70	11.7

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport LMA in January dropped to 128,700, down from 129,200 in December and slightly above the January 1988 estimate of 128,400. Total manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment for January fell below the December estimates.

The employment estimate of 17,300 for total manufacturing in January was 200 less than the December estimate. The job losses were in nondurable goods manufacturing and were caused by less production of food and kindred products and reduced printing and publishing activities.

Nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 111,400, shows a 300 drop from the revised December estimate. This employment decline resulted from job losses in mining, construction, trade, and government sectors. Employment gains in transportation and public utilities and services helped to offset some of this loss.

Average weekly earnings for an estimated 13,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased to $469.27, down from $476.60 in December. Average weekly hours, at 41.2, compares to 41.3 in December and 39.7 one year ago. Average hourly earnings of $11.39 are slightly less than $11.54 in December and up from $11.13 in January 1988.

The current civilian labor force of 158,700 included 140,600 employed and 18,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate for January was 11.4 percent for the Shreveport area.

The outlook is for no significant change through the end of the first quarter. Total employment may increase slightly, while total unemployment remains high and near the January estimate.